

VICE  
CHAIRMAN  
PLATFORMS

December 1

2018

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A TOTAL OF 5 CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE VICE  
CHAIRMAN ON DECEMBER 1, 2018.

PHOTOS  
INCLUDED.

OFFICIAL CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN (5) IN ORDER THEY WILL APPEAR ON BALLOT.



**VICE CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE JAMES "JIMMY" ALCAIDA**

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Vice Chairman Candidate #1

James "Jimmy" Alcaida

I believe that if you are elected to any part of the government, that it is your duty to do your best.

If the Tribes are not moving in the right direction it is because they don't realize the impacts this will have now and in the future.

We need to realize that we are not only a government, but also a major business. These departments play a large part in the lives of their employees and member well being.

If elected I pledge to do my best to better our reservation.

Tribal Council needs to remember that this is not only a privilege but a duty to the membership.

Thank you and please let me represent you in the correct manner.

s/Jimmy Alcaida

VOTE FOR JIMMY ALCAIDA ON DECEMBER 1, 2018 FOR VICE CHAIRMAN OF  
THE COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES

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**VICE CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE VALERIE WELSH-TAHBO**



Vice Chairman Candidate #2  
Valerie Welsh-Tahbo

Greetings fellow tribal members of the great Colorado River Indian Tribes,

I, Valerie Welsh-Tahbo come to you for support of my candidacy, this time, for the Vice-Chairwoman of our Nation. I've come to cross-roads where I have been oriented in just about every government scenario a tribal member would have to address to sufficiently operate a government. Improving upon my ability to be ever so sensitive to our beautiful cultures of our Tribes, to keeping an open-mind to opinions and issues, all the while refining my skill to multi-task and delegating duties so as not to become overwhelmed. I've familiarized myself in the areas to prosper efficiently financially, economically, legally, environmentally, agriculturally, educationally, socially, and in the realm of health care while maintaining a moral code of selflessness. I bring a good heart, clear conscience, professionalism and great communication strengths to do this job.

I am profoundly fond of the work that I have participated in over the past seventeen consecutive years and would continue to work with the utmost respect, vigilance and compassion for members both on and off the reservation. May I say in the area of environment and our natural resources that my mission has and will always be to keep our lands safe and protected by using what laws are in place as I did while supporting the No Pipeline at Standing Rock! Those very atrocities are constantly threatening our lands and waterways and having knowledge and experiences for continued safeguard is a must. With this in mind, there has never been SALE of OUR water on my watch nor will there ever be! Constant oversight of the issues of our water must be held steadfast and understood to the fullest; this too I have done and will continue to do. My editorial, during my recall, I was asked if I had sold the water...my answer..."do you honestly think, having 23 tribal member grandchildren that I would forsake their future?" the questioner, "enough said".

Over the years I have vied for the Council seat finding great pleasure in learning all I need and more to keep our Nation great, certainly not single handedly but with great employees, colleagues and our shared commitment. No one person can do this job alone! I recognize that with all the local, state, national and global issues that could be detrimental to our fate, takes all of us and the ability to be a team-player. I am a team-player where I've gone to bat for many members over the years including volunteering for our community a majority of my life, forging positive impacts for the greater good and not just for the few. I've been able to uphold our constitution, use best practices and processes our government possesses. At times introducing new concepts for policy

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change as the world changes around us to meet the needs of our children, elders and families.

In closing, I believe in our democracy, one that allows for opinions, for fairness, for equality and perseverance. I believe in the Colorado River Indian Tribes' people and that we will continue to thrive and that the candidates receive respect and to be heard because they too are a part of this community- my community. I graciously and humbly stood down when it was time to do so; I knew that day was to come...It is now time to once again, stand up to avail myself, so I will stand with you and for you, so please help ensure our democratic process by coming out to VOTE!

My sentiments, plans and concerns mirror the same from the previous special elections which were noted in VICE-CHAIRWOMAN my past literature and social media, of which I can make available during the campaign period. My ideals explain and explore matters that would allow us to continue to grow together and grow positive creating a robust and cohesive Council. Thank you for your time and God Bless!

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VALERIE WELSH-TAHBO

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**VICE CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE ESTELLE "TEDDIE" FISHER**

Vice Chairman Candidate #3

Estelle "Teddie" Fisher

Hello everyone, my name is Estelle Theora Allen Fisher but known by "Teddie" throughout the community. I am 38 years old and I am your candidate for the Vice-Chair position.

I am the youngest daughter of Jesse Wallace Fisher, Jr. and Estelle Yava. My tribes are: Hopi, Tewa, Navajo, Chemehuevi and Paiute. I have resided on and off the reservation all my life. At this time, I am currently working in the Enrollment Department but have worked in many different fields including; construction, childcare, landscaping, office work and the non-profit sector. I have also attended Mesa Community College in San Diego, CA studying Business Management. This in turn led me to become a member of the Small Business Association of San Diego. While residing in San Diego, I was the Vice-Chair for the California American Indian Organizations, the President of the Title VII Indian Education Program, a member of the Southern California American Indian Heritage Committee and a volunteer of the Soaring Eagles Dance Troupe.

There are many skills that I have acquired along the way, learning the knowledge of grants and contracts, reporting for such grants, labor skills, office skills and the main skill above all: working with the community and showing compassion for my fellow people.

I feel I am a great candidate for the position as my skills can be utilized to improve in areas we are lacking. I see a need for more community involvement and not just in events but with decision making that affects each and every tribal member. Our children are also in dire need of more support, structure, and love, I whole heartedly believe "It takes a village to raise a child" and right now we are failing them as a tribe. Our unemployment rate is another area where my knowledge of program funding and job skills would be beneficial to the tribe being that I have administered the WIA program so my vision is to see that EVERY tribal member is protected and given the opportunity to succeed. As the Vice-Chair person, one of the duties is to oversee many departments and their operations; this is to help make sure the tribe is running as smoothly as possible. I have not seen or witnessed this being done on a consistent basis. It would be my goal as the Vice-Chair to ensure that this happens so we can flourish as a tribe. Currently I sit on the CRIT Farm Board and Ethics Board. I have pondered the idea of serving our community as a tribal council member for some time and feel that now is the time for me to step up and become part of the solution.

Should I be placed in the position by your vote I look forward to being an example to the young women, young men and children who are our future leaders. Vote like your future depends on it. Let me show you life can be different from these past years of minimal progress, disconnect within our tribe and culture, and the exploitation of our people. Bring sovereignty back.



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In closing I would like to leave you with this thought...SEE IT, BE IT, FIX IT! See the problem or issue, Be it by putting yourself in the situation or the other persons shoes, Fix it by being part of the solution. Ask yourself, "How can I help?"  
Vote Estelle "Teddie" Fisher for Vice-Chair!  
Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Vice Chairman Candidate #4  
Teddy Goodman

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## VICE CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE KEITH MOSES

Vice Chairman Candidate #5  
Keith Moses

**2 Fire Engines/New Fire House/Fleet of New Vehicles  
Distribution Increase to \$1000/Distribution delivery through Direct Deposit  
Invested money for the Future/Participation in Pilot Conservation Program  
Completed system report on Irrigation System/ IHS Ct Scan  
Implemented Personal Loan program/ Gym Renovations  
Completed 3 films about CRIT/Tribal Participation at Standing Rock  
Completed and opened 2 gas stations/Acquired several resorts on the river  
Completed Renovation of the Bluewater Cinemas/Automated Voting  
Enterprise Accounting offices in town.**

This list gives a small glimpse as to what we have accomplished during the last 4 years. I was and have been involved in each of these accomplishments, plus many more. There is still much more work that lies ahead as I look towards the future and where CRIT will be. If we as a tribe are united we can tackle anything that stands in our way.

**What does 4 more years mean to me? It means:**

1. I will continue as we have done to complete an overhaul of all our by-laws, procedures and codes. This will allow us to be more efficient and there will be no question what is being asked of each person. I will work with all parties to create a plan for the future of Big River when the Master Lease expires.
2. I will continue to work towards the creation of more enterprises to offset the deficits being made to grants and programs by our Federal Government. Including but not limited to definite plan for the Blythe Boat Club area, expanding some of our present resorts on the river, with an eye to raising the amounts of rent being paid to be more realistic with the other similar resorts. Completion of renovations to Sandy's Trailer Park and offices this will allow more business there. Researching what other profitable enterprises we can develop for our area with the land we have available.
3. I will continue to work to create more safe areas for our families to enjoy themselves. In Poston the renovation of the ballpark and basketball court to allow area residents to utilize them.
4. I will continue to promote all our cultures from each tribe. We do this by having more forums and presentations by each tribe so that all gain a full understanding of each other.
5. I will continue to work towards new housing being built. I have spent the last few years fixing the process for the 184 loan process on our reservation to allow homebuyers another avenue for owning their own home.
6. I will support our Elders/Disabled members by completing an initiative to fix their driveways for access by Tribal Vehicles and Emergency Support Vehicles. This was already started in October as homes have been identified for fixing. I will support a new senior center and home for our Elders so that they don't have to leave our area for care but can remain near their families.
7. I will continue to work with Indian Health Service to provide adequate care for everyone.
8. I will continue to fight for our stolen water! The State of Arizona continues to use it for free with no compensation to our tribe. I will proclaim at every meeting, event, and discussions that it still remains our water. We only want to be able to enrich our member's lives with what they are using for free. We want the State & Federal government to continue to acknowledge that this water belongs to the Colorado River Indian Tribes!



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THANKS FOR TAKING TIME TO READ THIS. The future does seem scary and unpredictable but I believe the future is what we make it.

Let's together make it a bright one for our children, grandchildren & everyone on the reservation.

**VOTE KEITH MOSES FOR VICE CHAIRMAN ON DECEMBER 1, 2018**

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KEITH MOSES